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SUBJ: 166TH PLENARY SESSION: IMMEDIATE SUMMARY REPORT
1. WHILE MAKING NO REFERENCE TO THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, APART FROM VY'S ALLEGATION THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S UNKEPT PROMISE TO END THE WAR MIGHT NOW EXTEND INTO A SECOND TERM, THE OTHER SIDE'S FRUSTRATION WAS FULLY EVIDENT TODAY. INSISTENCE THAT THE US SIGN THE PEACE SETTLEMENT WITHOUT DELAY WAS AGAIN THEIR THEME THROUGHOUT THE BRIEF SESSION. BINH AND VY (SUBSTITUTING FOR XUAN THUY) VENTURED ONTO NEW GROUND ONLY IN CONDEMNING EXPEDITED US PROVISION OF WAR MATERIAL TO THE GVN AND ALLEGED US PLANS TO RETAIN MILITARY ADVISERS AND UNITS IN SVN UNDER CIVILIAN COVER.
2. BINH AGAIN PARTED COMPANY WITH THE DRV ON THE SUBJECT OF PRESIDENT THIEU. SHE DENOUNCED GVN POLICE MEASURES AND DEMANDED THEIU'S RESIGNATION, WHILE VY REMAINED SILENT ON BOTH COUNTS. IN ADDITIONAL REMARKS BINH SAID THAT, ONCE THE ACCORD WAS SIGNED AND US INVOLVEMENT IN SVN TERMINATED, THE PRG WOULD UNDERTAKE TALKS WITH THE GVN ON SVN INTERNAL QUESTIONS. SHE ALSO MAINTAINED THAT THE PRG VISION OF NATIONAL RECONSILIATION EMBRACED ALL GROUPS, "WHATEVER THEIR PAST." DESIRE FOR RECONCILIATION HAD INDUCED THE PRG TO CONCUR IN THE US-DRV ACCORD, SHE CLAIMED.
3. BINH'S AND VY'S ARGUMENTS FOR US SIGNATURE OF THE ACCORD WERE FAMILIAR: THE US HAD FULLY ASSENTED TO ALL PROVISIONS, HAD CLAIMED TO REPRESENT THE GVN, AND HAD ITSELF

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PROPOSED AND CONFIRMED THE OCT 31 DATE. RECENT STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY INDICATED THE US WAS HARDENING ITS POSITION, WHILE INTENSIFICATION OF THE WARFARE AND SUPPORT OF THE GVN CONTRADICTED US "TALK OF PEACE," THEY ALLEGED.
4. OUR SIDES STATEMENTS WERE MODERATE IN TONE AND CONCILIATORY IN APPROACH. AMB PORTER URGED PATIENT EFFORT AND RESTRAINED LANGUAGE SO AS TO FACILITATE REACHING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. PHONG INVITED THE OTHER SIDE TO UNDERTAKE DRV-GVN TALKS ON A CEASE-FIRE AND PRG-GVN TALKS ON SVN POLITICAL PROBLEMS. HIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS POINTED OUT THAT ALLIED WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT AN NVA PULLOUT WOULD RESULT IN AN IMBALANCE OF FORCES THREATENING A NEW, WIDER WAR.
5. AT VY'S INITIATIVE IT WAS AGREED TO RECONVENE NOV 16.
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